

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully solicited.

Claims 58 through 61, 64, and 65 through 71 are pending, with Claims 58, 60, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, and 70 being independent. Claims 62 and 63 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 58 through 61, 64, and 65 have been amended. Claims 66 through 71 have been added.

Claims 58 through 65 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over the combination of U.S. Patent Nos. 5,497,194 (Sakagami, et al.), 5,477,264 (Sarbadhikari, et al.), and 5,788,507 (Redford, et al.), and Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 6-231023 (“JP ‘023”). All rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claims 58, 60, 64, 65, 66, and 67 variously recite, inter alia, determining the leading portion of the file name so that the leading portion comprises (1) a character selected in accordance with the instruction information retrieved from the detachable recording medium and (2) a serial number, the character preceding the serial number.

Claim 68 recites, inter alia, placing a user-modifiable attribute that is stored in a memory of a camera, other than an attribute generated by the camera in recording of image data, into an application marker segment of an image file, the image file containing image data stored using JPEG.

Claim 69 recites, inter alia, placing a name of an owner of a camera into an application marker segment of an image file, the image file containing image data stored using JPEG.

Claim 70 recites, inter alia, placing location information into an application marker segment of an image file, the image file containing image data stored using JPEG.

However, Applicant respectfully submits that none Sakagami, et al., Sarbadhikari, et al., Redford, et al., and JP '023, even in the proposed combinations, assuming, arguendo, that such could be combined, discloses or suggests at least the above-discussed claimed features as recited, inter alia, in Claims 58, 60, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, and 70. It is further respectfully submitted that there has been no showing of any indication of motivation in the cited documents that would lead one having ordinary skill in the art to arrive at such features.

The dependent claims are also submitted to be patentable because they set forth additional aspects of the present invention and are dependent from independent claims discussed above. Therefore, separate and individual consideration of each dependent claim is respectfully requested.

Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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